

**REMARKS**

Claims 10-14 and 16-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 15 are cancelled, claims 10-14 and 16-18 are amended and claims 19 and 20 are added.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with this Amendment. It is requested that the Examiner consider the references cited in that Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants' representative.

Restriction was required and Applicants elected claims 10-18 (now claims 10-14 and 16-20). Applicants affirm the election of claims 10-18 and claims 1-9 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications based on the non-elected claims.

Claims 10, 14 and 15 were objected to. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been amended into independent form, claim 14 has been amended and claim 15 has been canceled. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claims 10-14 and 16-18 have been amended and claims 19 and 20 have been added responsive to the rejection. With claim 11, the steps of welding the additional heat-shrinkable sheet to the heat-shrinkable sheets and shrinking the single continuous film can be carried out simultaneously. The steps can be carried out simultaneously by using hot-air blower nozzles that perform a dual role of sealing and shrinking, for example. Although sealing and shrinking can be started simultaneously, the shrinking operation should take longer than the sealing operation.

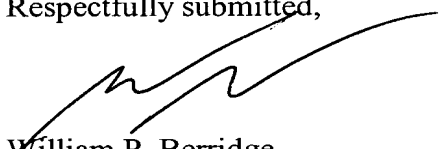
It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10-14 and 16-18.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Information Disclosure Statement

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